

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listings of Claims:

Claims 1-17 (canceled).

18. (previously presented) A tool guide comprising:
an elongate body defining opposed ends and a passage extending within the body between the opposed ends; and
an engaging formation defined within the passage of the body, the engaging formation being arranged to hold and provide a stop for a complementary engaging formation on a robotic arm so that a passage defined within the complementary engaging formation is aligned with the passage of the elongate body and a surgical instrument passing therethrough may be guided to a surgical site in a patient body when the elongate body is inserted through an aperture of the patient body.

19. (original) The tool guide of claim 18, wherein the engaging formation comprises a socket formation.

20. (canceled).

21. (previously presented) The tool guide of claim 19, which comprises an inlet which leads into the passage, the inlet being arranged to be accessible from outside the patient body when the tool guide is mounted in the aperture, the socket formation being positioned adjacent the inlet; and an outlet which leads from the passage, the outlet being arranged to be positioned within the patient body when the tool guide is mounted on the patient body.

22. (original) The tool guide of claim 21, wherein the socket formation comprises a circumferentially extending surface defining at least part of the passage, the surface tapering radially inwardly in a direction away from the inlet.

23. (original) The tool guide of claim 22, which comprises an outer surface arranged to be seated in the patient body, the outer surface defining at least one gripping formation arranged to be gripped by tissue when the tool guide is mounted on the patient body.

24. (original) The tool guide of claim 23, wherein the at least one gripping formation comprises a rib extending helically around the outer surface.

25. (original) The tool guide of claim 23, wherein the at least one gripping formation comprises a plurality of ribs extending around the outer surface.

26. (original) The tool guide of claim 18, which further comprises a sealing formation sealingly covering the inlet, the sealing formation being arranged to permit the engaging formation of the robotic arm to pass therethrough.

27. (original) The tool guide of claim 26, wherein the sealing formation is at least partially formed from a synthetic plastics material.

28. (original) The tool guide of claim 27, wherein the sealing formation is at least partially formed from silicone.

29. (original) The tool guide of claim 18, wherein the elongate body is at least partially made of steel.

30. (original) The tool guide of claim 18, which comprises a cross-sectionally

circular tubular portion defining the outlet.

31. (original) The tool guide of claim 30, in which a wall of the cross-sectionally circular tubular portion tapers radially outwardly in a rearward direction away from the outlet.

Claims 32-39 (canceled).